

63. (Amended) The quality control material of claim  
60, wherein an absorbance spectrum of said one or more  
substances is altered by adding a spectral modifier.

73. (Amended) A quality control material for use in a  
reagentless spectrophotometric apparatus, comprising, one or  
more substances that mimics an indicator of hemolysis, wherein  
said one or more substances are selected from the group  
consisting of total Hb, oxy-Hb, "total Hb minus met-Hb,"  
cyanmet-Hb, amaranth, acid fuchsin, basic fuchsin,ponceau S,  
chromotrope 2R, phenol red, crystal ponceau, methyl orange, a  
Hb-based blood substitute, oxy-Hb, carboxy-Hb, cyanmet-Hb, a  
polymer, and a protein, and wherein said quality control  
material is exposed to atmospheric conditions.

REMARKS

Claims 1-83 and 96-97 are pending in this application.  
Claims 63 and 73 have been amended to correct minor  
informalities. Claims 84-95 have been cancelled without  
prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained  
therein.